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Rome awards \$24.9M contract to small business

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ROME, N.Y. — The Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate has awarded a \$24.9 million contract to Zel Technologies, LLC, of Hampton, Va.

The five-year agreement, "Intelligence Preparation of the Battlespace for Predictive Battlespace Awareness," will provide for spiral research and development, life cycle management, testing, fielding, and user familiarization of the Automated Assistance with Intelligence Preparation of the Battlespace (A2IPB) software application. "The A2IPB software was developed by AFRL and Zel Technologies under a 2001 contract," said Charles E. Flynn Jr., program manager in the directorate's Information and Intelligence Exploitation Division. "The new software application will integrate with Air Force target development systems; intelligence surveillance reconnaissance management and employment systems; fusion systems; intelligence and com-

mand and control databases; and effects-based operations systems."

The software will be fielded to all of the nearly 30 U.S. Air Force air operations centers around the world. The technology is also being readied for use by the intelligence community in Department of Defense Intelligence Information System environment.

Air Force procurement personnel can issue delivery orders totaling up to the contract's \$24.9 million ceiling level, although actual requirements may necessitate less than that amount.

Alice J. Colasanti and Renee F. Arcuri of the directorate's contracting division negotiated the agreement, in conjunction with Janis Norelli of the AFRL Rome Research Site Small Business Office. @